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S.B. No. 1398

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of a student for a tuition equalization grant.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 61.225, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 61.225. ELIGIBILITY [~~QUALIFICATIONS~~] FOR GRANT. (a) To be eligible for a tuition equalization grant, a person must:

(1) be a Texas resident as defined by the coordinating board and meet, at a minimum, the resident requirements defined by law for Texas resident tuition in fully state-supported institutions of higher education;

(2) be enrolled [~~for at least one-half of a full course load conforming to an individual degree plan~~] in an approved college or university;

(3) be required to pay more tuition than is required at a public college or university and be charged no less than the regular tuition required of all students enrolled at the institution;

(4) meet the financial need and academic requirements for TEXAS grant eligibility under Subchapter M, Chapter 56, including requirements relating to a student's high school curriculum, performance, or graduation, or other academic prerequisites [~~establish financial need in accordance with~~]

1 ~~procedures and regulations of the coordinating board];~~

2 (5) not be a recipient of any form of athletic
3 scholarship; and

4 (6) have complied with other requirements adopted by
5 the coordinating board under this subchapter.

6 (b) For purposes of Subsection (a)(4), a person who has
7 previously received a tuition equalization grant is required to
8 meet only the requirements for TEXAS grant eligibility applicable
9 to a person who has initially qualified for and received a TEXAS
10 grant.

11 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act relating to
12 the eligibility of a student for a tuition equalization grant apply
13 beginning with grants awarded for the 2006-2007 academic year.
14 Grants awarded for an academic year before the 2006-2007 academic
15 year are governed by the law in effect immediately before the
16 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
17 effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2006.